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Sir:

This is a request for filing a

[X] Continuation

[ ] Divisional

application of pending prior application Serial No. 09/719,663 filed May 18, 2001

for [Title]:

LINEAR MOTOR

by [Inventors]: Shinichiro KAWANO of Osaka, JAPAN;

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- 1. [x] A copy of the prior application is attached including Declaration.
- 2. [x] Cancel in this application original claims 1 27 of prior application before calculating the filing fee.
- [x] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
   --This is a [x] Continuation [] Division of application Serial No. 09/719,663 filed May 18, 2001 --

- 4. [x] New [x] Formal [ ] Informal drawings are enclosed: Fig(s) 1(a) 19.
- 5. [x] Priority of foreign application(s) No. PCT/JP00/02382 filed 4/12/00 in JAPAN is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- 6. [x] A certified copy was filed in prior application No.09/719,663.
- 7. [x] The prior application is assigned of record to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd., the assigned was recorded at Reel <u>011840</u>, Frame <u>0857</u>.
- 8. [x] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.
- 9. [2] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
- 10. [x] It is requested that the prior art made of record in the prior application <u>09/719,663</u> be cited and made of record in the present application.
- 11. [ ] Small entity status was established in the parent application via a verified statement filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. [x] Fees calculated based on claims filed in prior application, less any claims canceled above or by preliminary amendment.

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- 13. [x] THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE THE ABOVE FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$\_1,092.00 AND ANY OTHER FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 18-2056.
- 14. [x] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 18-2056: any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17; and any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.
- 15. [x] A power of attorney was filed in the prior application to Marc A. Rossi, Registration No. 31,923:
  - [x] a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
  - [ ] b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
  - [x] c. Address all future communications to

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